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**CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD  
FOR ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION-  
OUTPUT RANKING OF A PLURALITY OF  
INFORMATION SOURCES, IN PARTICULAR  
AUDIO SOURCES**

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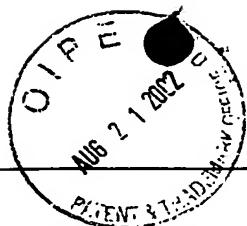
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